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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT TO CONVENE A MEETING
TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF BIODEGRADABLE WOOD
CHIPS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, each year, millions of pounds of tree branches
and debris are sent through chippers and made into wood mulch;
and

WHEREAS, these chips are reusable as mulch and help to
create healthier soil when plowed into the earth; and

WHEREAS, when spread on top of the ground, these wood
chips hold in moisture and create a weed barrier; and

WHEREAS, much of the volume of wood chips that is
currently deposited at local landfills is being used as waste
and could be used more productively in cities and communities;
and

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1 WHEREAS, the potential exists for green-oriented
2 businesses to serve as central distribution units or as
3 entities holding wood chips for pickup by homeowners for their
4 personal use; and

5 WHEREAS, state agencies can and should use these chips
6 along roadsides, in parks and for other landscaping projects;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of environment be requested
9 to convene a meeting to develop a plan to maximize the use of
10 biodegradable wood chips for the betterment of the environment;
11 and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representatives from counties,
13 municipalities and green-oriented organizations and businesses
14 be invited to the meeting to participate in the development of
15 the plan; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the secretary of environment.